

## ABSTRACT

5 A method of parametric group processing includes forming a parametric index from  
an indexed database. A first parametric group and a second parametric group corresponding  
to elements in the parametric index are specified. The first parametric group and the second  
parametric group are merged to produce a merged parametric group. A parametric result is  
10 extracted from the merged parametric group, where the parametric result specifies a set of  
documents.

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